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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Aircraft for Parachute-Jump Support

REFERENCE : Conversation between [REDACTED]
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1. The Aero Medical Service Branch of OSA is required to conduct live static-line and free-fall parachute jumps on a regular basis to test modifications to existing life-support equipment and to evaluate new equipment. Also routine parachute jumps are accomplished to maintain proficiency. The facilities at [REDACTED] has been made available to OSA to support this program.

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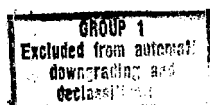
2. On 21 January 1972 [REDACTED] discussed with [REDACTED] the possibility of a newer and better type aircraft to support parachute drops. The present aircraft has a low door with a slanting-door sill which makes it very difficult to exit with survival equipment attached. On one occasion a test drop was made with full-pressure suit and survival kit and a helicopter was used from Fort Eustis, Virginia, for the drop.

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3. The Aero Commander was discussed as a suitable type aircraft. It has good jump characteristics and would meet all of our requirements.

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